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THE PACIFIC CLUB DECISION.

The Pacific Club has for several years past been selling liquor to its members without paying for a liquor license. The club is a bona fide social club, the liquor selling being simply an incidental feature, without profit to anyone, other than a nominal one

to pay expenses. Whether or not this was an infringe ment of the liquor license law was a doubtful question, but as there was no abuse of the privilege, no one raized the question, and, but for an unexpected development, the probability is that it would not have been raised at all.

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Someone with a hankering to sell liquor without a license conceived the idea of patterning after the Pacific Club, to the extent of forming a club, to whose members liquor could be sold.

No sooner said than done, a fullfledged "club" was formed among the aristocrats of Kakaako and Magoonville, with palatial quarters in a leanto on a back alley, and every Saturday night the beer frothed, swipes sizzled and joy was unconfined. On Sundays also, joy with its liquid refreshment accompaniments cut a still wider swath, for was not the club the social home of its members, and is not a man do any old thing in his castle, on Sunday or any other day?

The plan worked so well that in the ing industry had a boom and all slumdom became club members in good and regular standing, each with a constitution and by-laws, and a generous and kindly undertook to furnish booze to the members without salary.

At about this time the police and the regular retail sellers awoke to the fact that a large percentage of the retail liquor business of the city was being handled by the "clubs," whose chief social function was to guzzle cheap man, if it was his secret-divulging day. liquor. As no license had to be paid, this was actually sold cheaper than in the saloons.

To each charge of illicit selling the reply was made that the seller was the manager of a regularly organized club, "all same Pacific Club."

This brought matters to a focus and forced an answer to a question which would not otherwise have been raised. An agreed statement of facts was therefore prepared and submitted to Judge Whitney, requesting his decision as to whether the Pacific Club had the right, without a retail license, to sell liquor to its members.

Judge Whitney has decided that it does not have such right. The decision is logical and supported by prece-

It is difficult to see how, under the been rendered,

A club is either selling or it is not selling. If it is selling, it makes no difference whether the sale is to ten, men or to the great unwashed.

What constitutes the gist of the of fense of selling liquor without a license is the selling; not whom the sale is to.

The sale of a \$4 quart of champagne to Governor Carter, by the Pacific Club, is the same in logic and in the eye of the law, as the sale of five cents Cleveland. worth of molasses swipes to Jack, the bum-boat man, by the Royal Kakaako Hula Club.

If the Pacific Club can sell champagnes to its members, without a license, the Hula Club can sell swipe to its members on the same basis.

1. Judge Whitney's decision must

One of three things must happen,

2. The law requiring licenses for the

3. There must be a complete readjustment of the liquor laws of the Territory.

Which shall it be?

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SECRET COMMISSIONS AND THINGS.

The Advertiser's scoop in securing and publishing the Pinkham Commission Report before it is signed by the Commissioners themselves, is illustrative of the fact that the hole-in-a-corner method of conducting public business is passing in Hawaii, as it passed years ago in other portions of the United States.

Secrecy is the handmaiden of despotism, the right arm of

The old monarchical theory of government was that the King spoke-the people heard. The King ordered-the people obeyed. The King took his own sweet time to act-the people waited until the King was ready. The King never told what he was going to do-the people found out when he acted.

The people no longer confine their functions to listening and waiting and obeying. In theory they themselves do the thinking, the ordering and the acting. The theory is still, however, more honored in the breach than in the observance, in Hawaii.

A habit of mind, impressed upon the community during the good old days when Kitchen cabinets ruled the destinies of Hawaii through the royal boathouse and midnight sessions in the bungalow, has survived through the eleven years since the monarchy committed suicide, and to a great extent dominates both our political and mercantile powers that be.

For example—the Chamber of Commerce passes a resolution or makes a report upon some matter vital to the whole community. A meek reporter of the local press humbly asks the officials what the report is about-what is recommended or what condemned? Does he get the information?

Kingdoms may fall; cities be overwhelmed by lava flows; Russia go down in blood and humiliation before Japan's victorious hordes, but wild horses, thumb-screws and the whole paraphernalia of ancient torture will not drag that innocent secret from the aforesaid officials. The Secretary gasps; the President frowns as though man's home his castle, and cannot a lese majesty had been committed and each and every official in turn puts the seal of censure upon the impudent proposition to let the local public-the only ones who care a snap about the mattercourse of a few weeks the club-promot- know what has been done or what is proposed to be done.

The front door is locked, the back door barricaded, the secretary pulls down the blinds, gets under the table, seals up the resolution in a bullet-proof envelope, addresses it to some high muckbacker, who furnished free quarters a-muck in Washington, and, under the protection of a guard armed to the teeth, stealthily deposits it in the registered mail when no one is looking.

The latest manifestation of this relic of absolutism is the socalled "Pinkham Commission." It is fatherless, although it surreptitiously intimates that Governor Carter could name the guilty

It has no sponsor, although it assumes the functions, powers and omnipotence of a royal commission and a congressional investigation rolled into one.

It has neither office nor visible means of support, yet it tours the Territory like an East Indian Nabob making a royal progress; charters photographers who take pictures literally by the thousand; corners the shorthand reporter market; lives at the best hotels and issues summonses broadcast to the highest and to the humblest to divulge what they know or don't know.

What is it all for? Who pays for it? Is it for public or private objects? If it is for public purposes, what are they? Above all things, why the secrecy? Why are only selected individuals interviewed? If only the truth is sought, why not inform the public what the subject of investigation is, and give those who have not been furnished with the countersign the opportunity to be heard?

The Blount Report was as big as a family bible and covered statute any other decision could have more subjects than a bargain subscription encyclopedia. It contained exparte signed statements by the score. It bristled with theories, maps and photographs; but it was utterly discredited, and repudiated, and fell flat, because it was conducted in secret, fifty or one hundred and fifty selected for a one-sided purpose, and showed upon its face that it was the work of an interested advocate seeking to establish a theory, and not that of a disinterested judge seeking the truth.

Up to the present time the Pinkham Commission is in worse position than was Blount. He at least held the open, though illegal, commission of "Paramount Commissioner," signed by President

The Pinkham outfit is simply a wandering waif, a breeder of suspicion, a destroyer of its own objects by its objectionable and wholly unnecessary secrecy and hole-in-the-corner methods. Now that the soothsayers have struck a snag; that their unanimous decision proposition has missed fire and that their secret report is public property, is it not about time for the curtain to ring up or ring down on the farce?

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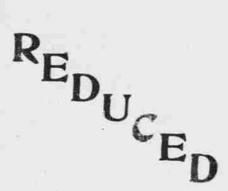
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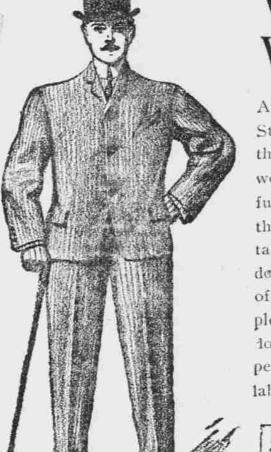
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